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COMMENT OF THE DAY

French Crisis

THE latest National Assembly vote, though an impressive 408 to 166 in favour of the Government continuing in power, is described in the latest cables as "not an absolute majority". A constitutional majority is said to be 296 votes. M. Pflimlin has decided that he cannot include the votes of the Communists in the result and deducting their 148 votes in his favour, this leaves him with 36 less than a constitutional majority.

Reports make it clear that the way is now open for the Pflimlin Government to resign and if this course is adopted — and the sooner the better — President Rene Coty may call on General de Gaulle immediately to try and form a government. It is difficult to predict the likely course events in France will take, but from the latest cables this if anything seems likely sooner or later.

More Dangerous

WE have said that the sooner Pflimlin resigns the better. The situation is hourly becoming more dangerous. The Army in Algeria has threatened to drop parachutists into France and while this may only have been a threat to stampede deputies into voting for de Gaulle's installation, it would be wrong to underestimate the Army's intentions.

If Pflimlin's cabinet decides that the Government has been given a mandate by last night's Assembly vote to continue in office, this can only postpone the inevitable and it would seem that the best course then would be for the Premier to enter into fresh negotiations with the various parties and try to hammer out a definite agreement on the de Gaulle issue.

Only by doing this can he vindicate the statement made before the vote, that the Government would not "create a power gap" by resigning without a vote from the Assembly. In France's interest it must be hoped that a smooth transition from the old to the new cabinet can be made quickly. If ever a firm hand and a bold decisive mind were needed at the helm of France they are needed in the next few hours.

Bad Manners?

HONGKONG concert and playgoers are frequently criticised for arriving late. Main reasons why: artists and actors are distracted, already seated people disturbed, and it is also said to be "bad manners."

But are latecomers to blame? Or is it the doorman who let them in after the show has started? Surely most concertgoers, music lovers holding expensive tickets, leave home with the intention of arriving before the programme starts — and in most cases it is bad luck or bad timing if they don't.

But there is a solution which still leaves people free to pay for the privilege of being late yet eliminates disturbance and distraction inside. The authorities should notify the public beforehand that the doors will close either two minutes before the show is to begin or at the moment the artist appears on the stage. Latecomers will then not be admitted until the first interval.

Harry Odell's men at the old Empire Theatre often did this. There were no complaints then — and there need be none in future if the practice is more widely adopted. Rudeness begins when, despite arriving late, some push past the doorman and begin looking for their own seats.

PFLIMLIN WINS CRUCIAL ASSEMBLY VOTE AND CABINET CONSIDERS... TO QUIT OR NOT TO QUIT?

Premier Meets Coty On Latest Dilemma 'PARATROOPS READY'

Paris, May 28.

The Premier, Pierre Pflimlin won a parliamentary showdown vote against General Charles de Gaulle last night, but was reliably reported to be ready to offer his Government's resignation because he failed to win an absolute majority in the House.

His Cabinet later failed to agree after an early-morning session whether or not to continue in office with so slim a margin. When the Cabinet meeting ended M. Pflimlin announced that he was going straight to the Elysee Palace to inform President Coty what happened at the Cabinet meeting.

Yes And No

The Minister of Information, Albert Gazier, said the Cabinet would hold its normal weekly session at 9.30 a.m. but the Foreign Minister, M. Rene Pleven, said later it would not. The confusion that surrounded the Government and Parliament ever since the Assembly vote appeared no nearer solution after the Cabinet meeting. Some ministers said M. Pflimlin would put it up squarely to President Coty to make the final decision whether the Cabinet should quit or not. The sources gave M. Pflimlin would explain to the President that his main concern was that there should not be another crisis with no government in power.

No Majority

In a critical vote in the Assembly a little after midnight, M. Pflimlin gained 408 votes to 166 but he had earlier said he would discount the 148 Communist votes in his favour. This gives him less than the absolute majority—296—he had demanded. When the result of the vote was announced the President of the Assembly, M. Andre Le Troquer said: "I shall hold myself ready hour by hour and if need be this very night to call the Assembly together for a new session in order to hear the result of the Government's decision at the forthcoming cabinet meeting."

Before the vote M. Pflimlin told the Assembly that his government would not "create a power gap" by resigning without a vote from the deputies. He spoke to a tense and packed assembly session of his night meeting with General De Gaulle.

New K.C.R. Terminal Report Received

By a China Mail Reporter

The Government has just received a report from a United Kingdom firm of consultant engineers on the possibility of moving the Kowloon-Canton Railway terminal at Tsimshui to a site in Hunghom. A spokesman said this morning that the report required detailed study and the recommendation was not likely to be made known until after the study had been completed.

In January this year, Mr. V. A. M. Robertson, a partner of Sir William Halcrow and Partners of London, came here at the invitation of the Government to make the study about the re-siting of the KCR terminal. At the Legislative Council to be held this afternoon, the Government is voting for a sum of \$24,000, a further provision required in addition to the approved provision of \$20,000, as fees for the services of Mr. Robertson.

Troops Ready

Algiers reports said three battalions of paratroopers had been ready to jump into France if General de Gaulle did not make a move toward taking over.

No responsible officer would confirm the reports, which claimed that three battalions of airborne troops were set to spread the rebellion against the authority of Paris by direct action.

Military sources said planes were standing by during the day for the two-hour hop across the Mediterranean and a mass drop possibly into Marseille, one of the strongest Communist centres of France. Algeria's extra-legal "super committee" of Public Safety immediately placed itself at the disposal of General de Gaulle following his declaration in Paris that he was preparing to take over the government.

Public Safety

Meanwhile an anonymous "communique" distributed in Paris today said that between May 16 and May 18 Committees of Public Safety were set up at 34 towns and villages in France and others were being set up. It added: "In spite of the censorship which weighs upon the French Press and radio presently in the hands of politicians who are clinging to their privileges and whose sole object it is to muffle the voice of France, we shall keep you informed of the work accomplished."

It ended: "Long live France. Long live De Gaulle. Long live the Algiers Committee."—U.P.I. and Reuter.

Romer's Condition

Dr. J. D. Romer "is progressing very satisfactorily," according to doctors at the Queen Mary Hospital this morning.

Dr. Romer, Pest Control Officer, was bitten by an Indian Cobra, a deadly poisonous snake, last Wednesday, May 21, and was rushed to the hospital.

He is likely to remain in hospital for sometime yet.

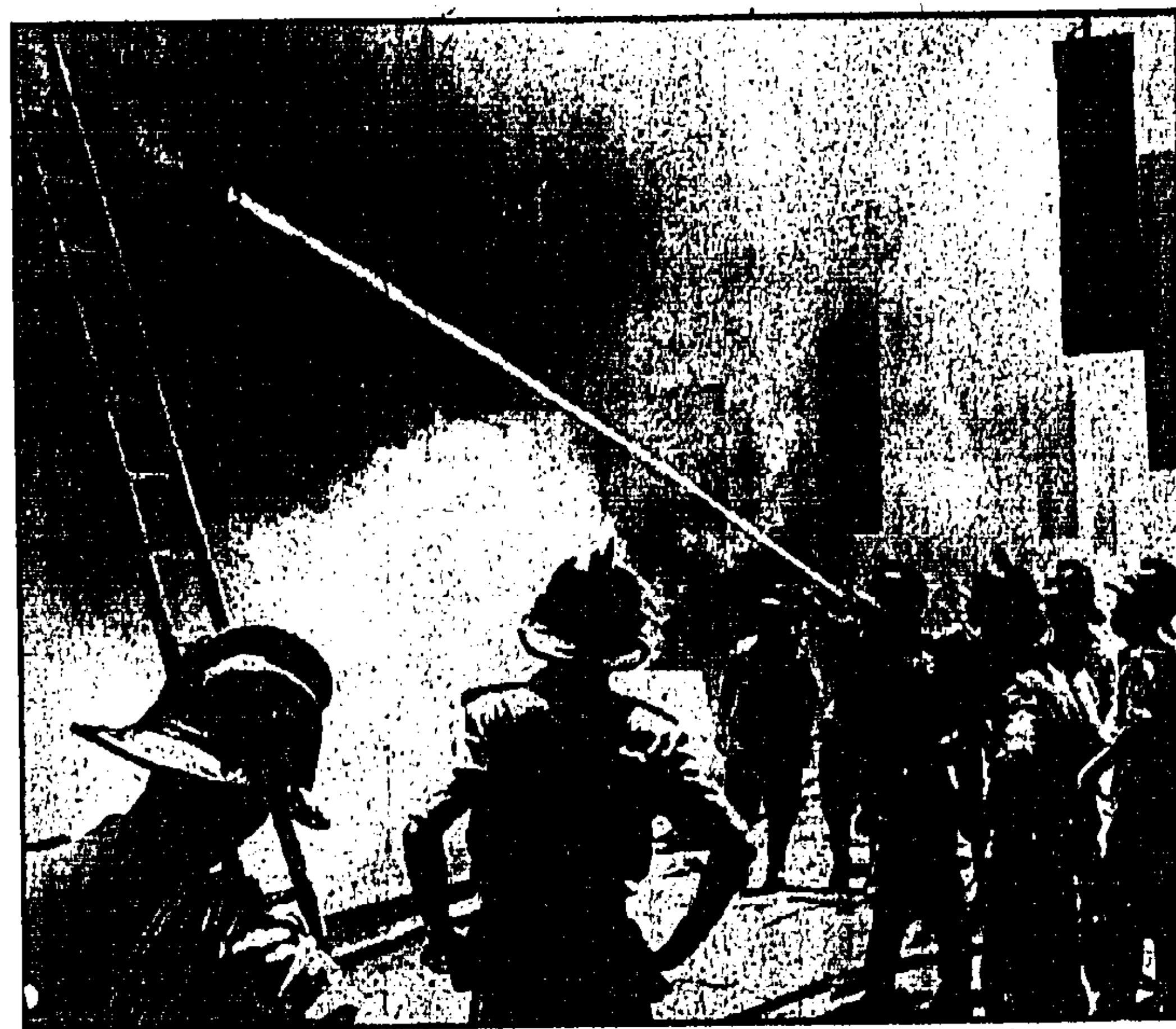
Cholera In Bangkok?

HONGKONG AUTHORITIES WANT INFORMATION

THE Health Authority here has sent a cable to a centre of the World Health Organisation in Singapore requesting information regarding a reported outbreak of cholera in Bangkok.

According to a news agency, it was officially announced yesterday that a cholera epidemic in Bangkok has taken a death toll of 12 persons of the 52 cholera victims admitted to hospital. The deaths, the report said, were limited to Bangkok and the adjoining province of Dhonburi which on Monday night were announced as the infected areas. The Hongkong cable was sent today in view of news agency reports of the alleged outbreak. The request for information was addressed to the Epidemiological Intelligence Station of the WHO. The function of this station is to collect health data and information on

HK GODOWN BLAZE



Firemen fighting a blaze which gutted two godowns near Central Theatre, Hongkong, this morning. See back page for full story. — China Mail Photo.

WANTS MAKARIOS ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF BRITONS

"CHAMPION OF BRITISH SOLDIER IN CYPRUS"

Bristol, May 27.

A self-styled "Champion of the British soldier in Cyprus" tried to swear out a warrant against Greek Cypriot leader Archbishop Makarios in a magistrate's court here today.

His attempt failed, but 45-year-old Ivor Worth said he would come back and try again. The attempt to swear out a warrant against the exiled Greek Cypriot leader was the latest move in a storm which blew up when the Archbishop of Canterbury invited Makarios to attend the Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops in London.

NOT KNOWN

It is not yet known whether Makarios himself will attend the ecclesiastical conference, although his church has accepted the invitation.

Worth requested that a warrant be issued for the Archbishop's arrest as soon as he landed in Britain. He asked that the warrant be taken out on grounds of the Archbishop's "criminal complicity in the murder of Corporal Angus Milne in Cyprus, in November 1956." Milne was one of the first British servicemen to be killed in Cyprus.

His application was refused by Assistant Magistrate's Clerk A. E. Leaman who told Worth that the warrant could not be issued unless he provided more detailed information against the prelate.

BASIS

Worth said he was acting on the basis of a government White Paper which named Makarios as an accomplice to violence in Cyprus.

Worth told reporters he would write the Director of Public Prosecutions and ask that the information contained in the White Paper be made available to him.

"If information is not made available to me, I shall go back to court with whatever evidence I can muster from other sources," he added. He said relatives of any Briton murdered in Cyprus could take the same course of action.

The Colonial Office in London did not have any immediate comment on Worth's attempted legal move.—U.P.I.

Not To Give Baby Away

London, May 27.

Mr and Mrs William Morris, who announced two months ago they were prepared to give away their expected fourth baby, have changed their minds.

The baby—a boy—has been born in a hospital and Mr and Mrs Morris have decided to keep him. When she announced that she would give away the baby, Mrs Morris, 34, said: "It will be all right if I don't see it." Yesterday she said: "I couldn't possibly let him go now. He is a beautiful boy."—China Mail Special.

Macmillan Said

Able To Beat Ike At GOLF!

London, May 28.

Mr Harold Macmillan is reported today to have improved his golf so much that he could beat President Eisenhower.

The Prime Minister's golf has "got better and better during his Scottish Whitsun holiday," the News Chronicle's diarist reports.

Yesterday, says the diarist, he "started his caddy with a round of 91 on the Queen's course at Glenegles."

His score on the par 69 mountain course would have been better but for the fact he visited 12 bunkers on his way round.

TWO STROKES

Mr Macmillan shot professional figures at times—taking two strokes for a hole on two occasions.

At one stage Mr Macmillan said to his caddy: "That's not a bad drive for an old man bordering on 70."—China Mail Special.

Wife Is 13

London, May 27.

The J. Arthur Rank Organisation announced today it was cancelling bookings of American rock and roll singer Jerry Lee Lewis.

The action followed disclosure that Lewis's wife—with him here on the tour—is 13 years old, and that he had married her before his divorce from his second wife was final.—China Mail Special.

Peking Again Flays Yugoslavia For 'Revisionism'

Peking, May 27.

The Chinese Communist Party has accused Yugoslav Communist leaders of having "played the inglorious role of provocateur and interventionist in the counter-revolutionary uprising in Hungary" in 1956.

The charge was made in a resolution, only just published here, on a report to the second session of the party's eighth congress by a vice-premier, Teng Hsiao-ping, on last November's conference of Communist parties in Moscow.

This is the Chinese Communists' most bitter attack on the attitude of the Yugoslav Government towards the Hungarian uprising.

The resolution said: "Their (Yugoslavia's) schemes failed only because leading comrades of the Hungarian socialist workers party consistently maintained a principled and correct attitude during and after suppressing the counter-revolutionary uprising."

The resolution said of the Yugoslavs: "In regard to United States imperialism, that most pernicious enemy of the people in every part of the world, they were sycophantic and deeply grateful."

The Chinese charged that the Yugoslavs were trying "to sap the revolutionary energy of the working class in capitalist countries" and "directed the spearhead of their attack against the Socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union."

Meanwhile, in Belgrade, Borba, Yugoslavia's official Communist newspaper, said last night that a new Chinese attack on Yugoslav "revisionism" contradicted claims that the Soviet bloc was engaged only in "comradely criticism."

The Chinese attack, contained in a resolution passed by the Chinese Communist Party congress in Peking, showed that old Cominform policy was being carried out with the use of Cominform methods, Borba said.

Borba warned: "If such a policy and such methods are continued, events will undoubtedly prove that the so-called criticism of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia is in large measure only a superficial manifestation of an incorrect political line."

The Yugoslav newspaper, in an editorial prepared for tomorrow's edition, gave the first Yugoslav comment on the latest Soviet-Yugoslav clash since the surprise birthday telegram from Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leader, to President Tito last Sunday.—Reuter.

Rabbi Was Made To Undress On Public Pier

Files Suit Against U.S. Government

New York, May 27.

A rabbi filed a \$100,000 suit against the Government today, charging he was forced to disrobe on a crowded pier at Hoboken, New Jersey, while Federal agents searched him for smuggled goods. The rabbi, Ernest Klein, 61, head of Kehel Chasidim Synagogue in Brooklyn, said the agents seized him when he went to the pier on November 6, last year to greet relatives arriving on the liner Stettin.

The suit said he was forced to stand "in cold, damp and windy weather for extended periods in various states of undress" from 8.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

His lawyer, Sidney Raphael, said Mr Klein was told he was being searched as a possible smuggler but that the Government agents refused to say what they were looking for. He said the search was "unwarranted" and denied that Mr Klein was a smuggler.—U.P.I.

Gives Silver Find To Govt!

Peking, May 27.

A wealthy Chinese millowner has dug up a hoard of silver buried in his garden 20 years ago and has given it to the Government to help build a new power station, the newspaper Ta Kung Pao said today.

The newspaper said the millowner is Chen Chang-ching of Lanhsi, in Chekiang Province on the east coast of China, and his hoard was 3,200 silver Chinese dollars, valued at about £2,600.—Reuter.

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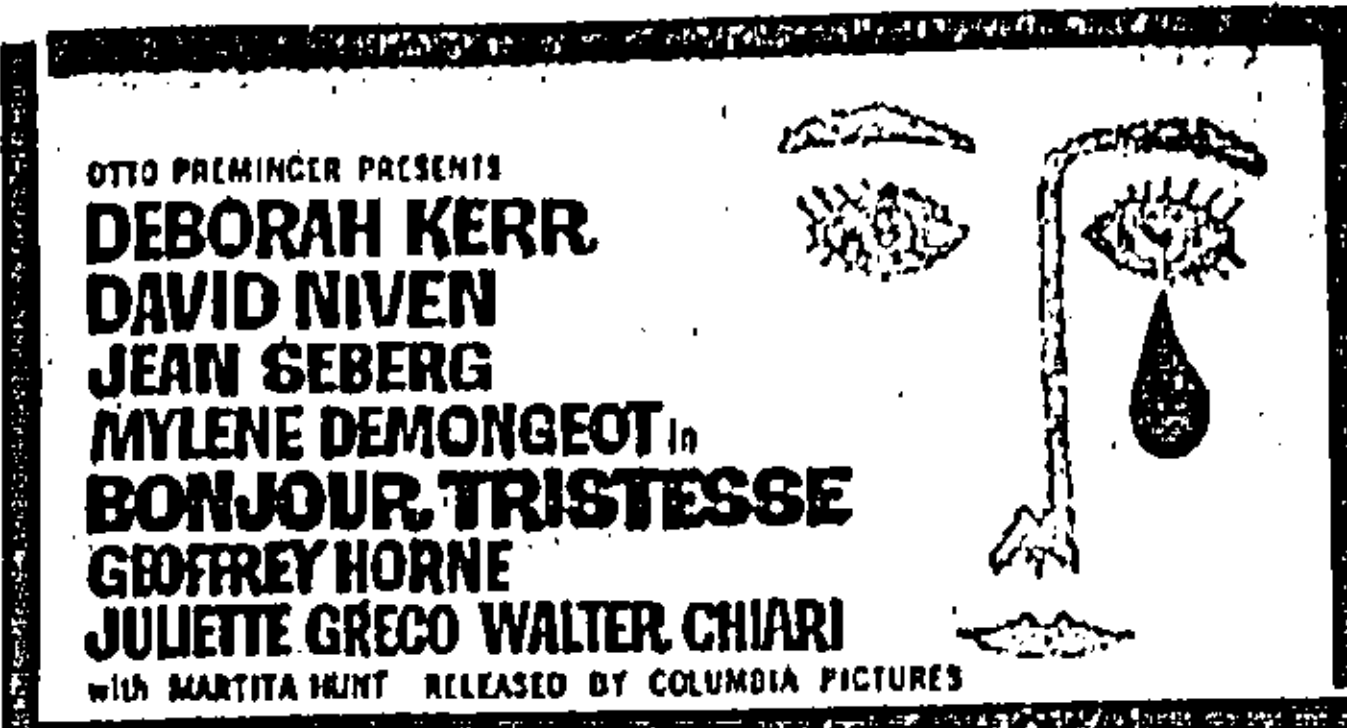
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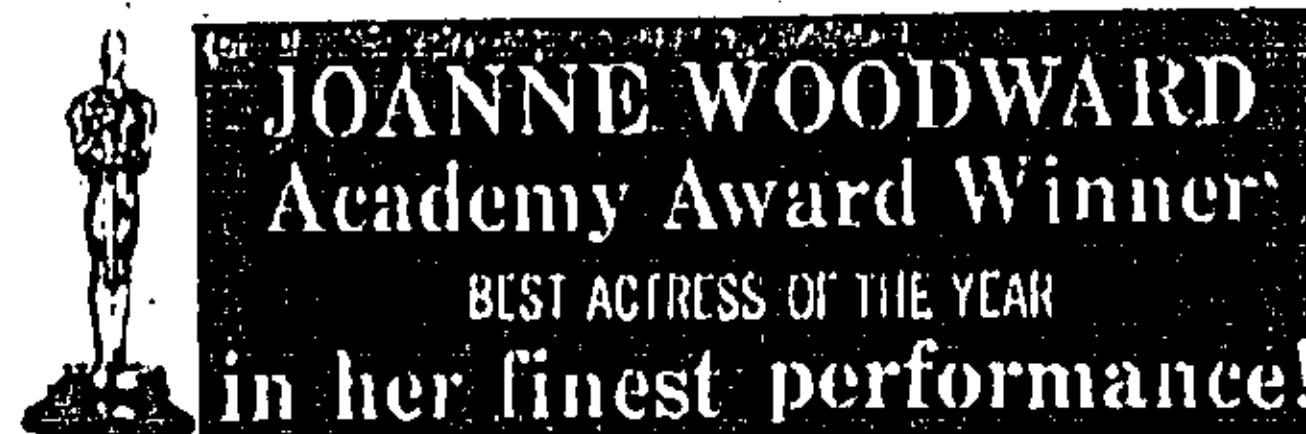
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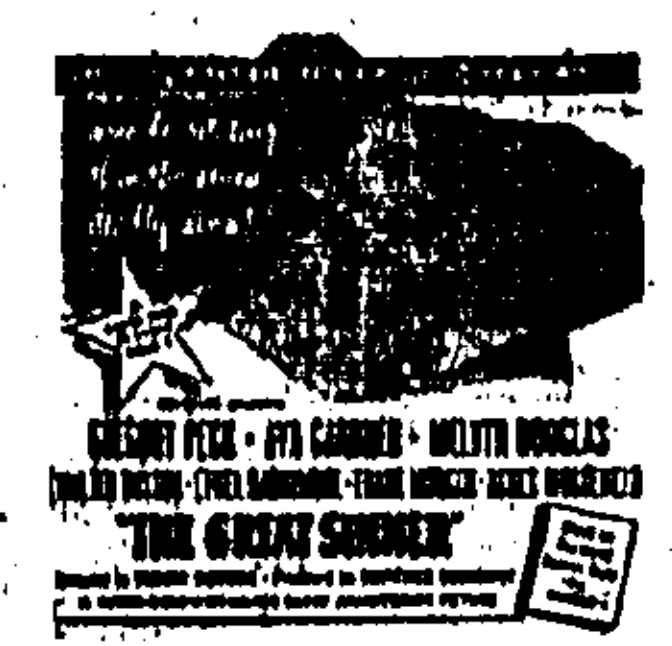
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The "one-of-a-kind" Haywire, which went with the British Trans-Atlantic Expedition led by Sir Vivian Fuchs, shown in Trafalgar Square, London, where it is on view prior to touring the chief cities of Britain.—Central Press Photo.

WAR BRIDE GETS DIVORCE

HUSBAND WENT TO LOOK FOR HOUSE—NEVER RETURNED

Sydney, May 27.
A New South Wales supreme court judge today granted what is believed to be the first divorce decree to a Japanese war bride against an Australian husband.

PAKISTAN DENIES CHARGE

Karachi, May 27.
The Pakistan Government has denied that strategic landing fields and rocket launching bases were being prepared in west Pakistan as alleged in a Russian note delivered to Pakistan in the middle of April this year.

The texts of the Russian note and the Pakistani reply, which was handed to the Russian Ambassador by the Foreign Secretary Mr. M. S. A. Baig here last Saturday were officially released today.
The Russian note appealed to the Pakistani Government to give "more sober consideration" to the international situation and to "think of what grave consequences will inevitably await Pakistan if its territory will be allowed for the establishment of military bases for use against the Soviet Union and other peace-loving countries."—Reuter.

Another Enters Religious Work

New York, May 27.
Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles' daughter, Mrs. Lillian Dulles Hinshaw, the mother of four children, received a divinity degree tonight from Union Theological Seminary.
Mrs. Hinshaw, 43, was the second of Mr. Dulles' children to enter religious work. Her son, Avery, was ordained a Roman Catholic priest two years ago at the age of 38 and is now studying in Germany. Mr. Dulles is a life elder at the Brick Presbyterian Church on Park Avenue. Mrs. Hinshaw's husband, Robert, a public relations executive, is a Quaker.—U.P.I.

Agreement

Rangoon, May 27.
Burma and the United States signed an economic agreement here today under which Burma will buy from the United States \$17 million (\$4,750,000) worth of agricultural commodities and pay in Burmese currency.—Reuter.

CADETS THREW BOYS INTO STREAM

Cambridge, May 27.
Sandhurst cadets rounded up schoolboys playing in the grounds of the Royal Military Academy and threw them into a stream, it was disclosed here.

An Academy spokesman said: "These boys have been in the grounds several nights causing damage."
"Recently, they cut a rope on a physical training course which could have caused an accident had it not been noticed."
"They were rounded up on Monday night. Policemen were there to take their names."

WERE TIPPED

"Then some boys were tipped into the Wish Stream."
Mrs. Eva Dory told reporters: "My 14-year-old son, Gordon, came home with his clothes drenched. He suffers from asthma."

"I think what the cadets have done is disgusting. Gordon had no been in the Academy grounds since Easter."
Mr. Derek Cartwright, whose 13-year-old son Derek was also thrown in, said: "We are not taking this lying down."

"We are complaining to the Academy about it. My wife is extremely angry."
It is believed that about ten boys were involved.—China Mail Special.

DUTCH JUDGE'S RULING ON INDONESIA

The Hague, May 27.
The Hague's district court President ruled today that the Indonesian State is not subject to Dutch law.

In doing so, the President lifted the attachment of concessions payments due to Indonesia by the (Dutch) Billiton Mining Company.

ATTACHMENTS

The attachment was ordered last week by a Dutch citizen, 65-year-old Johannes van der Haas, now living in Monaco.
Van der Haas owned a building at Djakarta, some mining concessions in Indonesia and a package of shares in Indonesian sugar plantations.

The total value of his possessions was estimated at three million guilders (US\$800,000) when they were taken over by the Indonesian Government.—U.P.I.

Border Shots

Tel Aviv, May 27.
Intermittent firing broke out along the Israeli-Syrian border today and lasted for an hour, according to an Israeli Army spokesman.

He said armed Syrians opened fire on two Israeli surveyors working inside Israeli territory north-east of Lake Hula. There were no Israeli casualties.—Reuter.

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WILL GO TO GERMANY AS A 'TANKER'

Fort Hood, May 27.
The Army said today that Pte Elvis Presley will go to Germany in September after he finishes training as a "Tanker."

Presley finishes his basic training at Fort Hood in Texas on Saturday. After this he is eligible for two weeks' leave.

Then he returns to Fort Hood for eight weeks of "advanced individual training" as an armour crewman or "Tanker," with the Second Armoured Division.

Then he gets six weeks of unit training, which ends on September 20. He then will go to Germany as part of a packet replacement for the Third Armoured Division.—U.P.I.

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Merger

Questioned

Washington, May 27.
The Justice Department said today it had asked for additional information on the consolidation of United Press and International News Service into United Press International.

The request, the Department said, was made to top officials of the two organisations who conferred yesterday afternoon and last night with anti-trust chief Victor R. Hansen and his top aides.

CONSOLIDATION

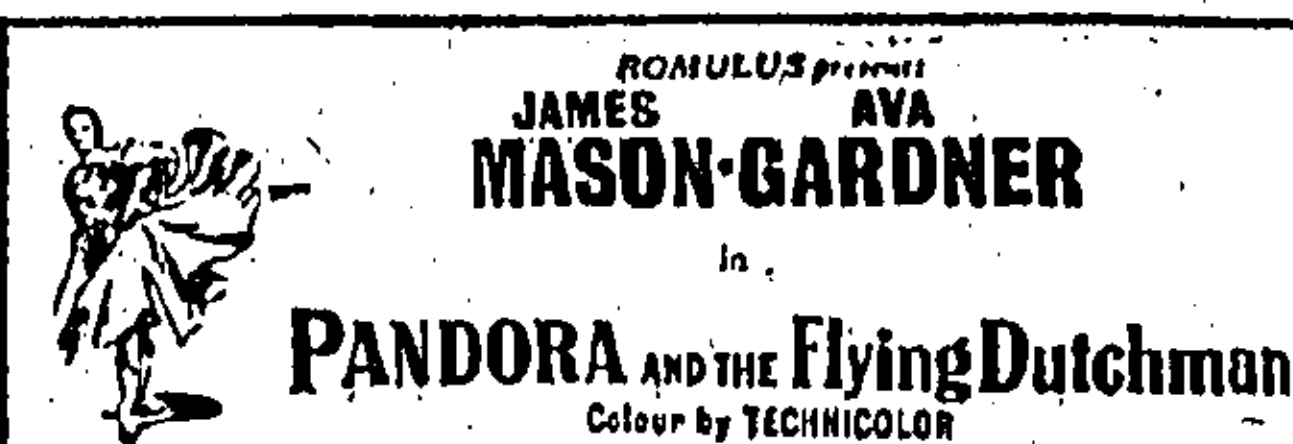
It was indicated that the Department may state its position on the consolidation within the next few days. Officials emphasised that no conclusions have been reached at this time.

Sen. Estes Kefauver (Democrat, Tennessee) told the Senate today he had urged the Justice Department to "seriously consider" seeking a preliminary injunction against the consolidation, which was announced last Saturday.

He said: "The seriousness of this merger cannot be overestimated."—U.P.I.

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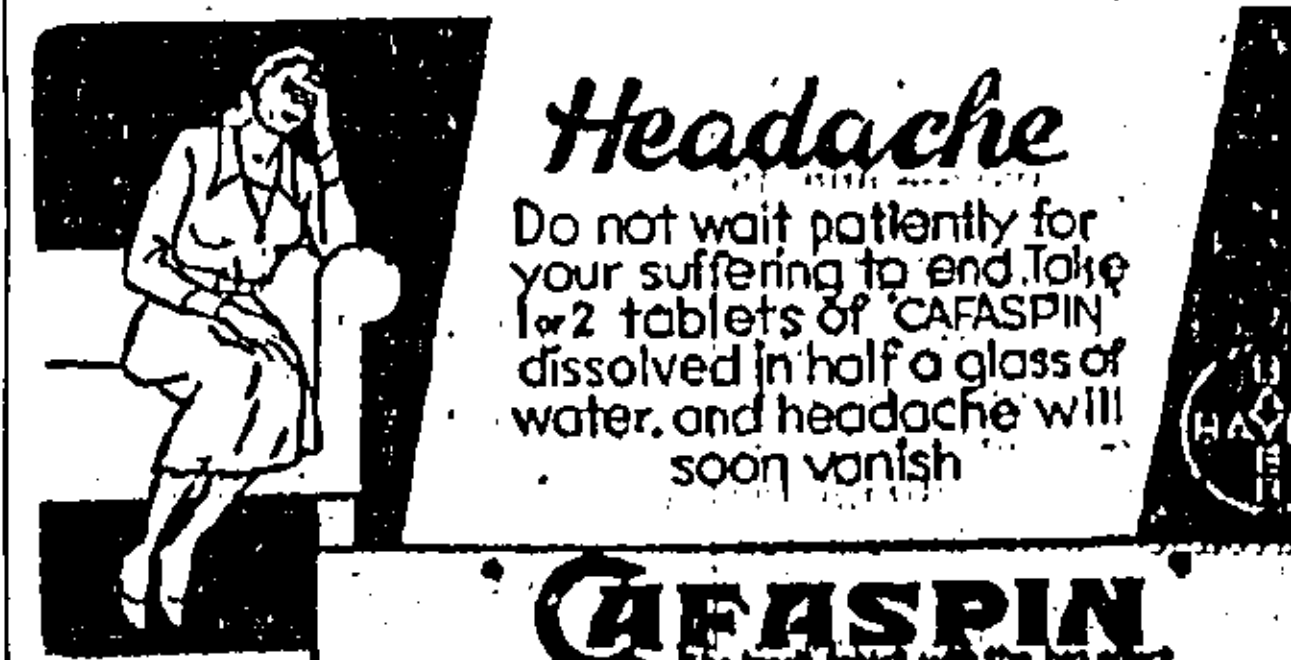
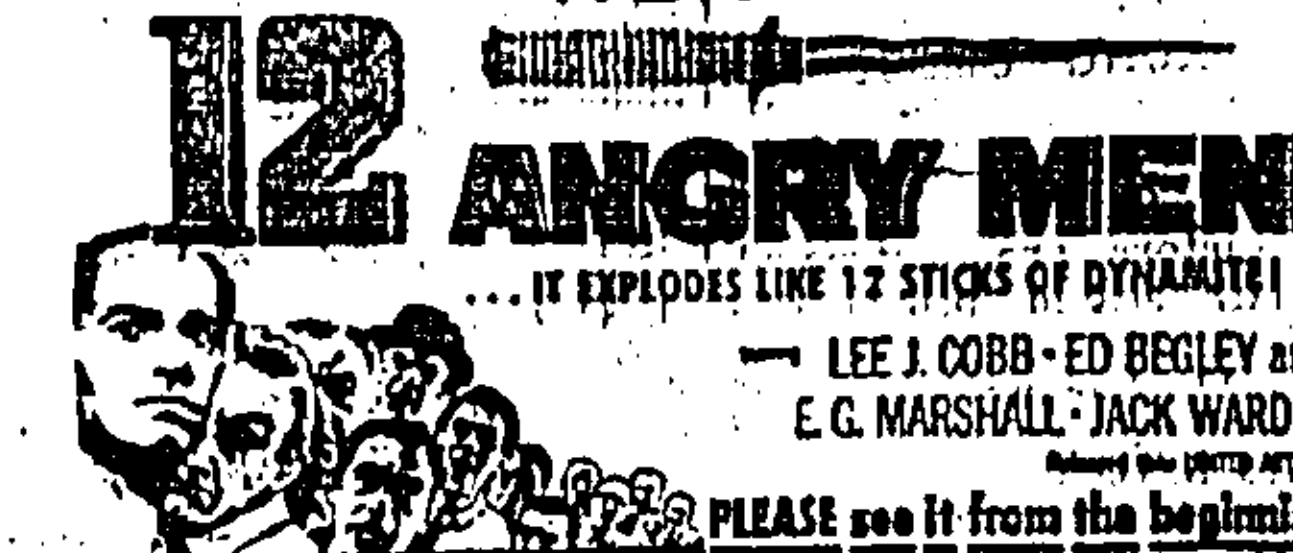
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As the Fourth Republic totters, Paris police patrol the streets of a sombre city (left) with tear gas guns; move in (above) towards demonstrators at the Arc de Triomphe while wiser members of the mobs move off to watch from safer distances; and (right) watch young rioters take to their heels.

DUKE HELPS STUDENT EXPEDITION

London, May 28. The Duke of Edinburgh is reported today to have contributed towards the cost of an expedition to the Andes in Chile next month.

The Daily Sketch quotes one of the party, John Aarons, as saying: "The Duke said he would give us something if the Royal Geographical Society approved our work."

"We got their approval and wrote again and the Duke sent us a substantial cheque. I don't tell you how much it is but it will cover about one-twelfth of the expenses of the expedition."—Reuter.



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No Home Rule For Alaska Within The Union

Washington, May 27. The United States House of Representatives today provisionally voted to kill legislation granting statehood to Alaska.

The decision was subject to a final vote tomorrow. But, if allowed to stand, it would seal another defeat for attempts, which began in 1916 to transform Alaska from the status of a United States territory into the 49th state.

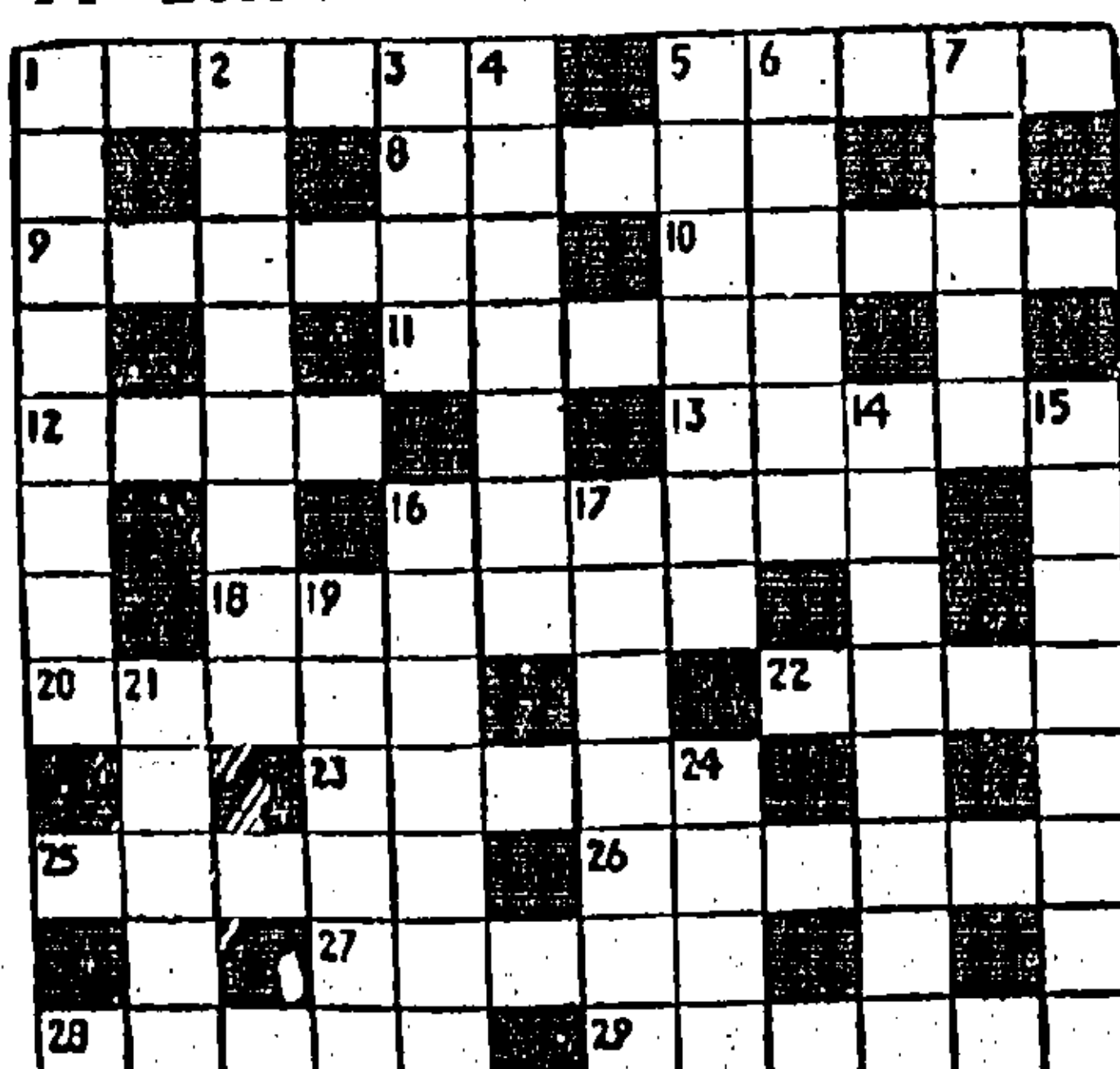
Like Hawaii in the Pacific, Alaska, as a territory, is governed by a governor appointed by the president and is represented in congress by a delegate, who does not have the power to vote. Both the Republican and Democratic parties have formally called for admission of Alaska as well as Hawaii, as states within the Union.

Opponents, however, have resisted proposed legislation on constitutional, economic and legal grounds.—Reuter.

Battle at Brassa

Algiers, May 27. French aircraft and infantry killed 46 insurgents in a battle at Brassa, about 80 miles south of Algiers, it was officially announced here tonight.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Elevated to another place? (6)
 - Possibly composed by David (5)
 - Member of a New Zealand race (5)
 - Most annoying (6)
 - Wet or offspring (5)
 - To get a seat one may have to (5)
 - Tub city (4)
 - Water-holes (5)
 - Remove all risk (6)
 - Get no half, maybe (6)
 - For puddles ON rather than IN the water (5)
 - Jack's companion (4)
 - Pull along slowly? (5)
 - Round number? (6)
 - Undiscovered talent, perhaps (6)
 - Gave a beginner a hammer (5)
 - Corolla leaf (5)
 - Native of Germany? (6)
- DOWN**
- Indonesia, for example (8)
 - Idleness (8)
 - Non-flying birds (4)
 - Its sands are famous (7)
 - It is one (7)
 - Military head out East (6)
 - Not tied up (5)
 - Just the dress (8)
 - Sort of key found in a cupboard? (8)
 - Like a triangle? (7)
 - One-letter garment, apparently (7)
 - Wine-shop (6)
 - A flower sprang up (5)
 - You'll often find lots in it (4)

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Lamb, 7 Hardy, 8 Amen, 9 Shag, 10 Oversee, 12 Simon, 15 Elan, 18 Year, 19 Error, 21 Chase, 22 Obey, 23 Kraal, 26 Tans, 28 Arrival, 30 Error, 31 Sals, 32 Avoid, 33 Cash. Down: 1 Mow, 2 Address, 4 As-been, 5 Bags, 6 Menu, 9 Sear, 11 Slick, 13 Mary, 14 Gory, 16 Dot-ar, 17 Best, 18 Yarn, 20 Believe, 22 Ours, 24 Ranks, 26 22/4, 27 Age, 28 Stag.

ARMY SQUADS LOB MORTAR SHELLS TO BREAK UP RESISTANCE

New Fighting In Tripoli

Man On Multiple Murder Charges Makes Own Defence

Glasgow, Scotland, May 27. Peter Anthony Manuel, (31) on trial here for eight murders, today finished a six-hour spell of giving evidence in his own defence.

Manuel, New York-born woodworker, dismissed his lawyers some days ago and is conducting his own defence.

In cross examination after he had finished his evidence, he said three senior police officers had engaged in a conspiracy to pin the murders on him. He denied shooting three members of the Smart family, the husband Peter, his wife

Doris and their ten-year-old son, and said he sold Peter Smart a gun and days later found the family shot dead in bed at their home.

He had a key to the house because Smart had asked him to keep an appointment on his behalf there. After finding the bodies he fed the cat, wiped out all his own fingerprints and took the gun out of Smart's hand, which he later threw in the river. Manuel, who has pleaded not guilty to all charges against him, also denied killing Isabelle Cooke, 17, whose body was found buried in a field.—Reuter.

THE AUDIENCE THAT WASN'T THERE

Wigan, May 27. Mr John Hodgson, 27-year-old Conservative candidate in the Wigan parliamentary by-election, searched in vain for an audience tonight for his opening speech of the campaign, after speaking in a deserted car park beside Wigan market hall. There he spoke for ten minutes, but again no one stopped to listen. So he returned to Wigan Conservative headquarters to help organise canvassing.—China Mail Special.

U.S. CHALLENGE REACTION TO RED ARMY REDUCTIONS

Washington, May 27. The United States today issued a new challenge to Russia to accept a disarmament agreement including inspections to prove that the Soviet armed might actually was being reduced.

The challenge was made by the State Department in commenting on the Soviet Government announcement that it would withdraw Soviet troops from Rumania and Hungary and that the other nations of the Soviet bloc would cut their own military forces.

The State Department Press Officer, Lincoln White, said the Department had not received any official word on the Soviet announcement. But he said the first tentative reaction here to Russia's announcement of withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary and Rumania was that it "may prove a favourable development" if it led to more

independence for the two nations. He said the Communist move "would have important significance in East-West relations" if it were to be accompanied by a general controlled disarmament agreement which involved verifiable reduction in force and arms inside the Soviet Union itself.

Russia announced the troop withdrawals and planned cuts in forces of Communist Warsaw Pact nations last night. It said the decision was approved by the Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Pact nations.—U.P.

Beirut, May 27.

New fighting broke out today in the port of Tripoli and Army units lobbed mortar shells into the city to break up pockets of resistance.

Opposition leader Rashid Karami said two of his men were killed and 12 were wounded in the fighting, which broke out in Lebanon's second largest city at 0900 hours local time and continued for six hours.

Fighting broke out when Army troops started to rip up barricades leading into the city's fortified old Moslem quarter.

The fighting slackened shortly after 1500 hours but was reported to have resumed after night-fall.

Karami also reported "heavy fighting" in Habba, 12 miles northeast of Tripoli, and said the Army was sending reinforcements to the area.

Karami also echoed declarations by Beirut opposition leader Saeb Salam, who flatly rejected government compromise moves today.

The latest compromise move came when Premier Sami El Solh went on Beirut Radio to assure the country that his government would never attempt to amend the constitution so that pro-Western President Camille Chamoun could stand for a second term.

Chamoun's alleged desire to run again has been one of the main flash points of the crisis.

Solh said that his government had never contemplated making any such move and that he had never heard Chamoun said he wanted to run.

But Salam said today that the opposition could not accept the move and added that the issue was still the immediate and unconditional resignation of the President.—U.P.

Israel Accused

Damascus, May 27. The United Arab Republic today filed a complaint with the United Nations mixed armistice commission accusing Israel of new aggression in Syrian territory.

An army spokesman said Israelis today fired on the Arab village of Sayhada in the central demilitarised zone with machine guns and mortars.—Reuter.

ITALIAN ELECTION RESULTS PRESAGE

Political Confusion Ahead

Rome, May 27. The following is the distribution of the 596 seats in the chamber of deputies compared with the 1953 results. It gives another eight seats to the ruling Christian Democrats in the Chamber of Deputies.

	1958	1953		1958	1953
Christian Democrats (Including Tyrol Party)	276	265	Christian Democrats	124	113
Communists	140	143	Communists	60	51
Socialists	84	75	Socialists	35	28
Popular Monarchists	73	—	Popular Monarchists	5	—
National Monarchists	10	40	National Monarchists	2	15
Nco-Fascists	25	29	Nco-Fascists	8	9
Social Democrats	23	19	Social Democrats	5	4
Liberals	16	14	Liberals	4	3
Republicans/Radicals	7	5			
Communists	1	—			
Union Valdotaio	1	—			

The results for the Chamber of Deputies faced Italy with political confusion in the foreseeable future and small prospect of a stable Government.

Observers said the bitterness of the election campaign is likely to make it difficult for the Christian Democrats to draw their former centre allies (Social Democrats, Liberals and Republicans) into a new combination for several months.

Most likely immediate solution was thought to be the establishment of a "business cabinet" to see the nation through the summer and to get the budgets passed before the constitutional time limit in October.

The Communists' gains were thought likely to have important political repercussions. One of these was probably to strengthen the Communist authority over the smaller Socialist Party, which has been cautiously trying to withdraw from Communist domination.

The new parliament will meet on June 12. Seats in the new senate will be distributed as follows, as compared with the old house:

First Step To Unity With Church Of England

Edinburgh, May 27. The 66 presbyteries of the Church of Scotland are to be asked to comment officially on a proposal that they should appoint bishops as a first step towards unity with the Church of England.

The plan that has aroused a big religious storm in Scotland since it was first proposed a year ago came before the Church of Scotland General Assembly today for debate.

By a 359-328 vote, the assembly agreed to send the report to the presbyteries for their official views and possible alternative proposals.

Campaigners for unity with the Episcopal Church of England believe it could be achieved if the Church of Scotland appointed bishops and the Church of England in its turn introduced "elders"—the laymen officials who are a backbone of the Presbyterian form of church government.—China Mail Special.

CAPITOL RITZ

SHOWING TO-DAY
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



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in "LEGEND OF THE LOST"
in Technicolor

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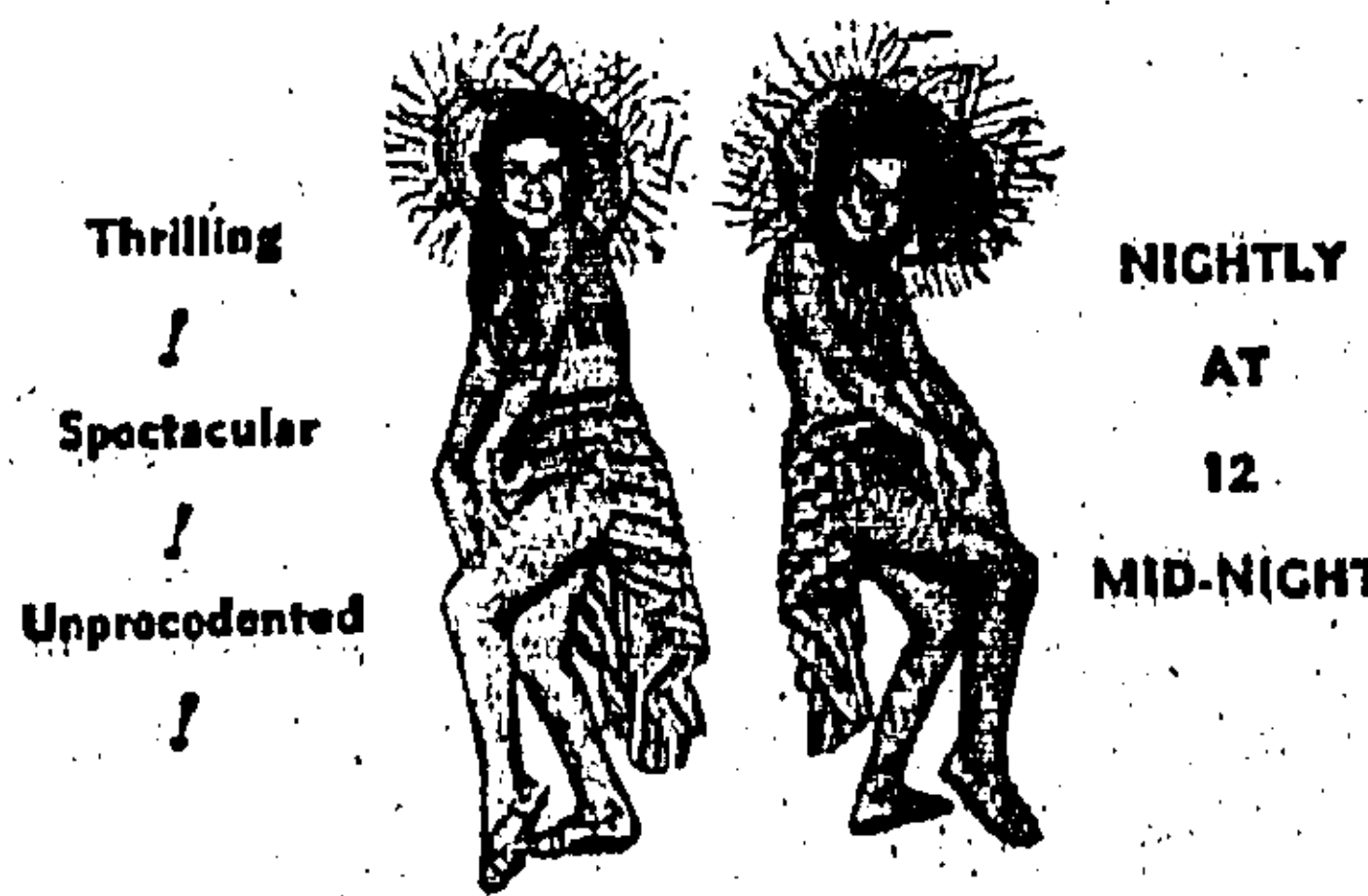
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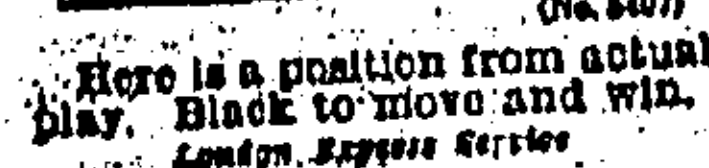
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By OSWALD JACOBY

Harold Ogust of New York who sat West thought a little further and decided that if South

Answer Tomorrow

By LEONARD BARDEN



"Beside investing, merging, and expanding, does anyone know how we can make a few bucks?"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 2) Use good judgment in making decisions today. Haste will make waste, so take your time deciding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 31-Feb. 29) In aiding someone else, you are also helping yourself. The ones you help are in high places.

PISCES (Feb. 18-Mar. 20) Join a group with similar interests.

AY, MAY 28

The old Professor grabs the balloon when it is within reach. "You've been a very long time," he exclaims. "Where have you been? I lost sight of you long ago. Did you go very high? I saw you reach the clouds?" "I certainly did!" declares Ruppel.

"Oh, you poor, dear, Pixie
O'Scowl," said Hanid.
"Ah - cho!" said Pixie
and I had to give him some
toothache pills."

Pixie O'Scowl's story was
interrupted by a fit of sneezing.

"I feel awful," replied

"At least, I reached one that wasn't really a cloud at all!"

"Eh, what?" cries the old man.

"This needs explaining. Let's go indoors. I'll fasten the balloon to this bush so that it can't drift away. I'm frightened at the way you've proved its powers!"

"So, that's how you view your cloud," said Hans.

"Ha-ha," said Hans.

"And did the merry that Feo O' Bulbrogg?"

"She sure did, Hans. Feo O'Scowl."



"She sure did, Hattie O'Scowl."

BOYS AND GIRLS TEE SHIRT
in plain colours of blue, green
beige.

County Cricket SURREY MAINTAIN LEAD WITH FOURTH STRAIGHT VICTORY

London, May 27. Surrey gained their fourth successive win this season to maintain the hot pace they are setting in the County Championship. Their victory over Nottinghamshire today by an innings and 43 runs at Trent Bridge, earned them 14 more points, to bring their tally this year to 56 — the possible maximum.

Surrey declared with their overnight lead of 140 and the early Nottinghamshire batsmen defended stoutly against the varied attack of the Surrey bowlers. They had no chance, however, when four batsmen in the middle of the innings succumbed while eight runs were added. Fast bowler Arthur J. Jones, with a hard hit 42 was top scorer and Eric Bedford (three for 23) had the best Surrey bowling figures.

Middlesex, who beat Sussex by eight wickets, are second in the table with 44 points.

A Century

Colin Ingleby Mackenzie, the left-handed Hampshire skipper, reached a century in 98 minutes — the fastest of the season so far — against Kent, finishing with 107, which included three sixes and 15 fours. He added 207 for the second wicket with West Indian Roy Marshall, who made 131 in three and a half hours. His strokes included a six and 18 fours. Hampshire won by five wickets after being set 305 to win 270 minutes.

Essex lost five wickets for 24 but beat Worcestershire at Romford. Paceman Derek Pears took four for nine at the start.

SURREY TENNIS

Althea Gibson Enters Second Round Easily

Surbiton, May 27. American Negro tennis star, Althea Gibson, Wimbledon Champion, beat Britain's Mrs G. Preston easily by 6-2, 6-1 in the second round today of the Surrey Lawn Tennis Championships.

Miss Gibson, who is also the Surrey Champion, was defending her title as a warm-up for the Wimbledon competition next month. It was her first play on grass since she won the American title eight months ago.

In the men's singles, Cuba's R. Giraldo beat American W. Van Voorhees 6-3, 9-7 in the first round and India's A. All beat another American, C. Grant 6-4, 6-4 in the second round.

In another second round match, Britain's R. Bonnet beat India's M. Apparao 6-4, 6-1.

America's Mimi Arnold eliminated Britain's Miss P. Hird 6-3, 7-5, in the second round of the women's singles and Britain's Miss J. Rock beat Ceylon's Miss R. Jayasuriya 6-3, 6-2. —France-Press.

A More Uniform Standard Of Refereeing Title Fights

Luxembourg. The European Boxing Union has decided to ensure a more uniform standard. European title fights will be refereed in future only by a referee from the federation of the country in which the match takes place.

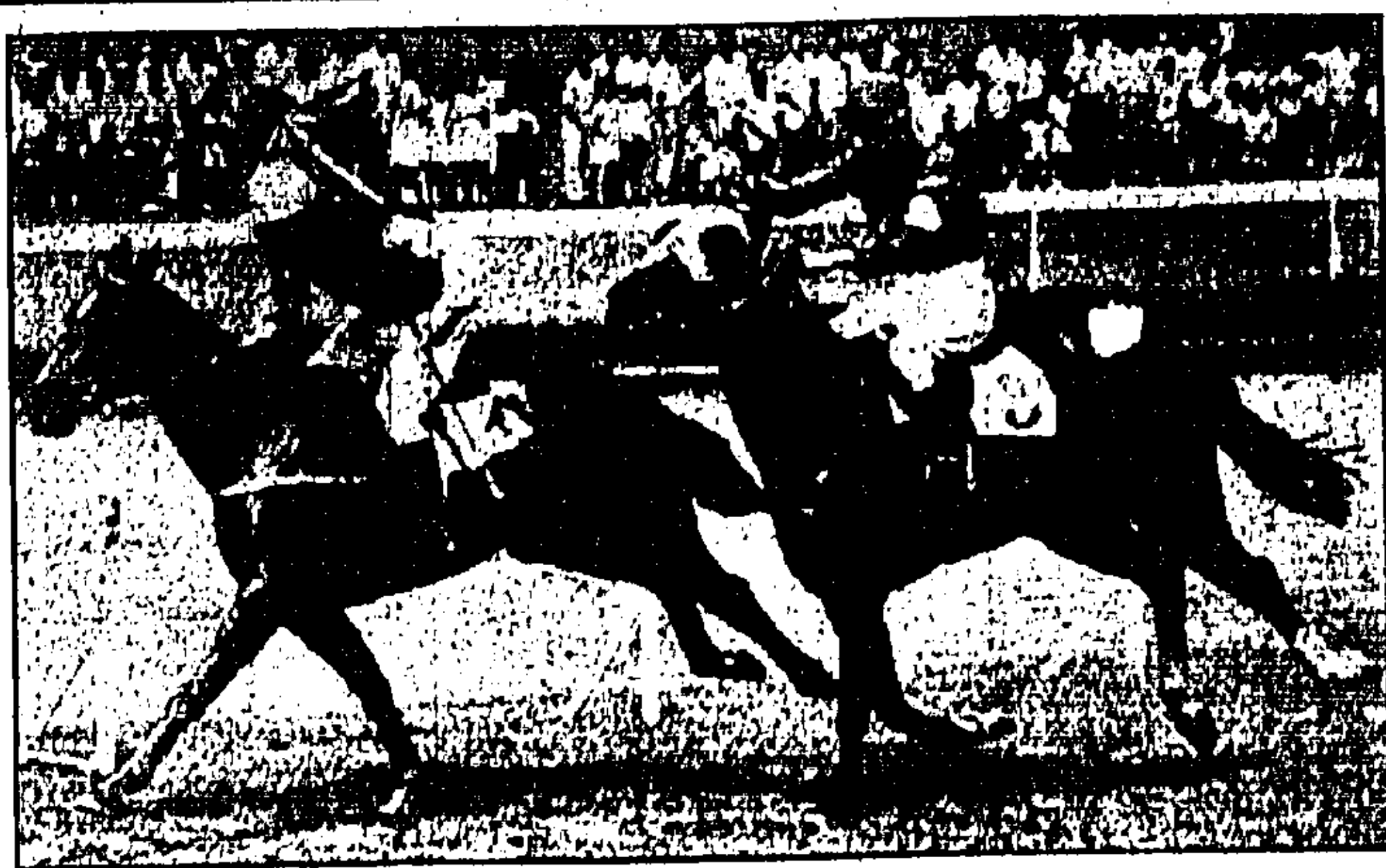
He will be chosen from the panel of international referees recognised by the European Boxing Union.

This decision was announced here at the end of the meeting of the union under the presidency of Mr J. Onslow Fane, Chairman of the British Boxing Board of Control.

The union also announced that the dispute between the British and Italian boxing federations over the postponement of Scotland's Peter Kenner's European title fight with Mario D'Agata of Italy from May 16 to June 14, would be settled privately between the two federations.

The union recognised Emilio Marconi, of Italy, as the number one challenger to the European welterweight title vacated by Peter Walerman of Britain. A competition has been started to find a challenger for Marconi. —China Mail Special.

DRAMATIC NINE-WICKET WIN BY KIWIS FIGHTING IT OUT



Race No. 4 (Mataukok Handicap) in the first day's Whitsun Race Meeting at Happy Valley on Saturday was won by Gambetta with P. Plumby up. The winner paid \$6.70 for a win.

Photo shows Gambetta (No. 4) fighting it out at the finish with How Do I Know (No. 5) ridden by H. K. Chuang. —China Mail Photo.

GOLD MEDALLIST AT 63?

By CHARLES STEPHEN

A man who celebrates his 63rd birthday on July 18, opening day of the Vth British Empire Games, may become the oldest gold medal winner at Cardiff.

He is Percy Baker, four times singles winner of the English Bowls Championships, who has been chosen in preference to the current champion, N. King, to represent England in the singles at Cardiff.

Experts in England believe Baker has an excellent chance of beating the best bowlers from all parts of the Commonwealth. His meeting with Australia's Glyn de Villiers Bosisto is at London Express.

ready being heralded as "the match of the century". Bosisto, a 58-year-old retired bank manager, first captured the Australian singles championship in 1949-50 and set up a record by retaining the title for three seasons.

SOAKED GREENS

The Australians have been practising on specially soaked greens, because they anticipate that surfaces will be slower than their normal ones at home.

I also gather that an Australian bowls manufacturer was sent on a "spying" expedition to England last year, noting on a stop-watch how long it took woods to traverse the greens. —London Express.

Sports Diary

TODAY

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Both well.

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Sydney, (By Airmail).
THE N.S.W. Govern-
ment, envious, no
doubt, at the stream of
money that is crossing
the border to Queens-
land's Gold Coast—
Coolangatta, Southport,
&c—is making strong
efforts to set up a Gold
Coast of its own in
northern N.S.W.

Minister for Tourist Activities,
Mr. Kelly, recently made a
trip along the coast and came
home bursting with ideas and
enthusiasm. Not on the heels of
that was an advertisement in
capital city papers in which the
N.S.W. Government offered half
an island on a long-term, low-
rental lease in return for re-
clamation of the whole island.

The island is Greenbank, at
Tweed Heads on the N.S.W.-
Queensland border. The success-
ful applicant—if any—will be
able to use one half of the island
for commercial purposes in re-
turn for making the other half
available for reclamation.

It is stated that a Brisbane
firm has already applied and in-
tends to set up a Fairlyle
Forest similar to the Tivoli
Gardens in Copenhagen.

Next step in the formation
of a new Gold Coast will be
the release of waterfront Crown
land on long lease.

Caught On

Queensland's Gold Coast—so
named because it really takes
considerable fishing money to
stay there—has caught on amaz-
ingly well and has now outdone
Palm Beach as the fashionable
resort of the eastern coast.

Whether N.S.W. can stir up
the same enthusiasm, whether
it can attract the big hotel
builders in the way that Coolan-
gatta has remained to be seen,
but a lot of people have their
doubts.

At the same time there is no
doubting the Australia generally
is becoming far more tour-
ist conscious.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

PARKING difficulties. In
Huskey Street have once
more called attention to the
overcrowding in the physicians'
buildings, where often hundreds
practise in the same house.

In the sublet corner of many
a consulting room the confusion
is indescribable. One doctor,
mistaken for a patient, was told
by another doctor to give up
drink. And there is the well-
known case of the patient who
put his tongue out and found
himself face to face with a
doctor who, thinking he was
being insulted by a colleague,
cocked a snook at the patient.
As one doctor remarked: "So
great is the crush that we often
tap the wrong patient's knee
with our little hammers. One
lady got a whack she will re-
member for years and was told
she had meningitis by a harassed
practitioner."

The climb to the Summit

THE latest news of the
climbing expedition to the
Summit is that each member of
the intrepid party is so en-
tangled in the ropes that no one
knows in which direction to
move. Some are tugging side-
ways, others are trying to go
down, yet others are cutting
steps in the wrong direction.
Charlie Suet, in a 45,000-word
memorandum, has suggested that,
to clarify things, the whole party
should halt at the next ledge
in order to decide what they are
trying to do and why. One ex-
hausted climber, who was left
away on the end of a rope while
the rest wrote letters home,
said: "It is believed that,
when the Summit is reached,
it will be found to be crowded

The Federal Government last
week decided to give up to
£50,000 to help foster the in-
dustry. It will match private
contributions to the Australian
National Travel Association up to
this amount. The Govern-
ment already grants the Asso-
ciation £250,000 a year and this
will remain.

Canberra already has appoint-
ed an inter-departmental com-
mittee to give tourism a shot in
the arm. No one seems to know
what the committee is going to
do but it has been able to re-
veal that in the 10 years from
1948 overseas tourists had in-
creased from 20,000 to 66,000,
but we need a lot more to keep
the pot boiling.

There's not much future in
getting past these characters,
anyway. There is no money in
the banking chamber at night,
and to get to the vaults there
are a series of locked grills and
doors, and finally a 9-ton
steel door.

Two new bronze doors are
being cast for the main en-
trance, but when completed in
about three months these will
be open instead of being
lowered.

Could be that we are now
getting somewhere with this
£250,000 Opera House of ours
for there is serious talk of the
work being started next Janu-
ary.

By August, so authorities say,
the fort-like tram depot now on
the site, will start to come down,
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vided the money comes rolling
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This means that the Opera
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same time, seating more than
6,000 people.

Tut, tut, Joe, surely some of
the boys with you from the
Premier's Department must be
whispering things in your ear.

Over in California our travel-
ling Premier, Mr. Joseph Cahill,
announced to the Americans at
large that Sydney had far bet-
ter beaches than anything in
that neck of the woods.

Down in Washington at the
weekend he had nice things to
say about Sydney women as
compared with American.

Mr. Premier was right on the
ball, but they are not quite the
right things to say when you
are trying to make friends and
influence people to transfer a
considerable volume of folding
money into the industry of this
State.

As the firm concerned is a
long way away from you people,
this cannot be looked upon in
the light of a plug, but Sydney's
David Jones said to be the
biggest departmental store in
the British Commonwealth.

An eight-ton elephant auto-
graphs. (with a rubber stamp)
books for buyers in the huge
department, some of Sydney's oldest
tram cars are running empty on
all lines, but daily decorated
with D's slogans, there is a
200lb. soft high birthday cake,
a complete zoo, water sports, a
delivery service, by helicopter,
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Five Marksmen

Meanwhile, the Bank is prob-
ably the only one in the world
not guarded at night by a locked
door—but five expert marksmen
take its place.

Two of them lounge in the
vestibule throughout the night,
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ART CLUB Lady Black Opens Spring Collection

Lady Black opened the
Spring Exhibition of the
Hongkong Art Club at St
John's Cathedral Old Hall
this morning.

She said she was delighted to
have the opportunity of seeing
the work of the Art Club once
more.

Members of the committee
under the chairmanship of Mr
T. Spilkins, welcomed Lady Black
on her arrival, and were pre-
sented to her. These included Mr
Luis Comin, Vice-Chairman, Mr
K. A. Poon, Hon. Treasurer, and
Miss Sarah Ling, Hon. Secretary.
Mrs. Thelma Helmeyer, Hon.
Exhibition Secretary, Mr. N. A.
Belanovsky, Hon. Classics Secre-
tary, Mr. J. May, in charge of business
arrangements at the Hall
entrance, were in the reception
party.

Mr. Spilkins said that it was
with a sense of honour and
pleasure that the Club found
Lady Black present at their
Spring Exhibition. Her presence,
he said, was a source of encour-
agement and the Club would
hope to have her company upon
many more occasions.

Without A Home
Mr. Spilkins said that the Club
was temporarily without a home
and lacked a central location,
but pottery classes were being
conducted in collaboration with
Hongkong University and what
exhibitions were being
organised through the year.

He asked those present to
notice the new decor which
due to the work of Mr. Barretto
and Mr. Warner, enhanced the
display, and then requested
Lady Black to declare the
Exhibition open.

The Hall was well-filled for
the opening ceremony, and
afterwards Lady Black and the
visitors proceeded to examine the
work of the exhibitors.

Oil paintings, water colours,
etchings, Chinese ink and char-
coal works of art were displayed
against brown panels. The
range from portraits in oils by
many moods by Julia Gab-
bott; seascapes in water colours
by Kam Cheong-ling to still life
in oils by Tam Nai-chiu.

Active artists in Hongkong,
are invited to join the club and
share its facilities.

The first part involved the
rescue of two people from the
first floor of the Drill Tower by
the use of a jumping sheet, and
the rescue of two persons from
the third floor. This was done in
just a few minutes.

Council of Women Dinner Dance

Plans for an inaugural
dinner-dance to be held by the
Hongkong Council of Women at
the Chinese Chamber of Com-
merce, on Friday, June 6, were
announced during a press con-
ference held in Maxine's this
morning.

Mrs. R. R. Kapahi, Chairman
of the Fund-Raising Committee,
said the concert would include
Indian classical dancing by
Shobh Mahabubini, Miss Diana
Bud singing Hula-Hula songs,
and Sati Harila and Master
Mohan doing Rock and Roll.

Submarine Off Brazil

Rio de Janeiro, May 27.
A "suspicious object"—presum-
ably a submarine—appeared off
shore yesterday but fled
when Brazilian gun-chasers and
a submarine closed in on it, the
Navy announced today.

It was the second report of
an unidentified submarine off
the eastern coast of South
America within a one-week
period. Last Wednesday Argenti-
ne warships attacked and
possibly sank a mystery sub-
marine lurking off the southern
Argentine coast—U.P.I.

CHINA MAIL ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

FILMS

Gala Premiere at HOOPER.
LIBERTY and QUEEN'S of
award-winning Chinese film
"Dian Chuan". A romantic
story from the Chinese classic,
The Three Kingdoms. Starring
Lipda, Taso Ray.
ROXY & BROADWAY: "The
Young Lions." Marion
Brand, Montgomery Clift and
Dean Martin in a great
war drama in which Brand
plays a dominating role.
Superb artistry.
KING'S & PRINCESS: "Bonjour
Tristesse." Francoise Babine
best-seller about a fabu-
lous life in the Riviera.
Starring Deborah Kerr, David
Niven, and Jean Seberg.
HOOPER & LIBERTY: "Saddle
The Wind." Love and sus-
pense in the wild west.
Introducing Robert Taylor.
Julie London.
LEE & ASTOR: "Darby's
Gentlemen." All about American
commandos starring James
Cagney.

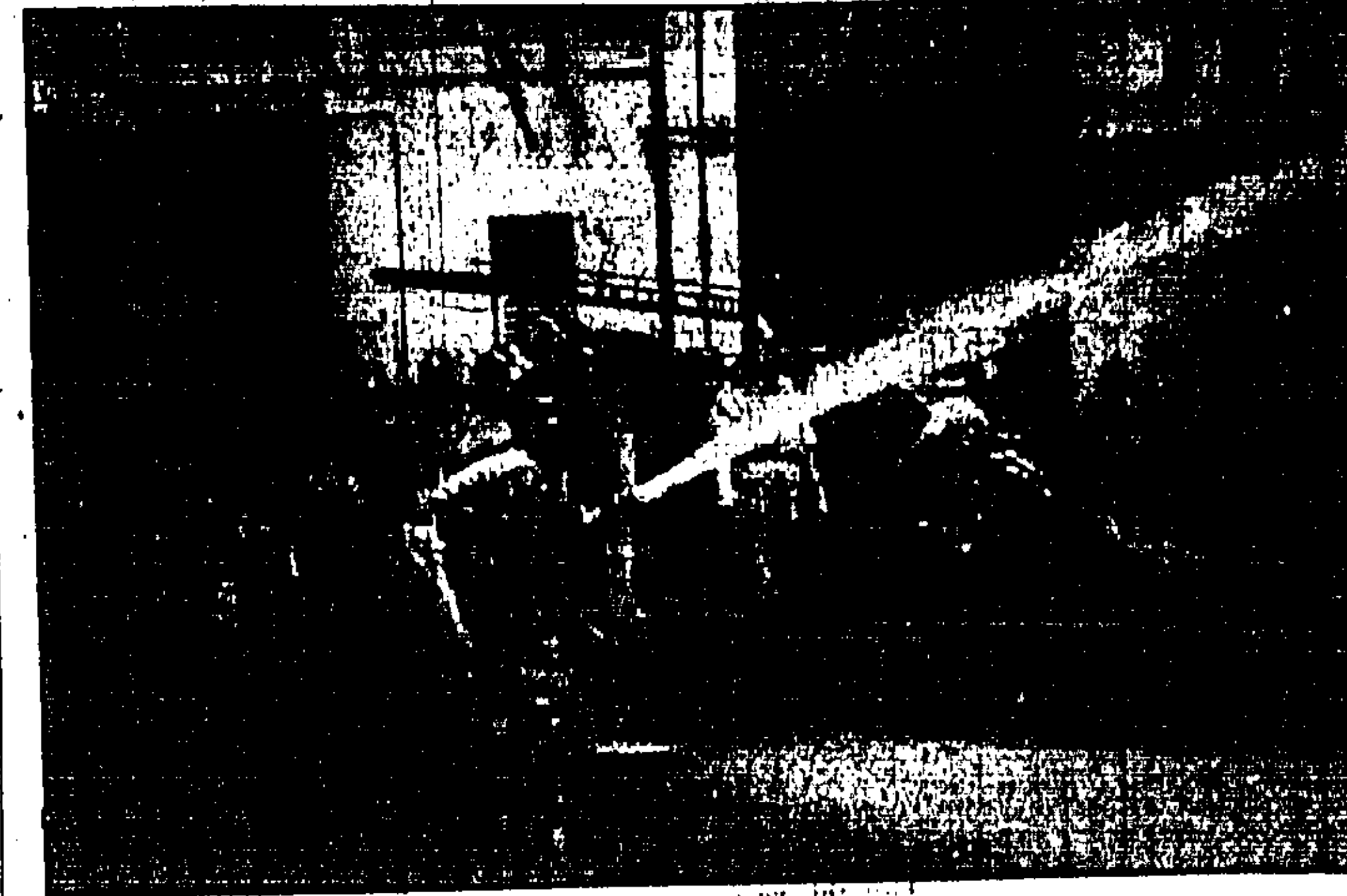
STAR & METROPOLE: "The Naked Hawk." A sun, a woman, the wild Sierras. Starring David Wayne and Keenan Wynn.

QUEEN'S: "Pandora and the
Flying Dutchman." A new
print of a famous Romantic
production starring James
Mason and Ava Gardner.
CAPITAL: "Dewar of Plo-
poko." A Chinese comedy.
Starring Lin Tui and Peter
Chen Ho.

RITZ: "The Giant Claw."
Science-fiction horror film
starting Jeff Morrow and
Mike Corday.
ORIENTAL: "The Great
Blunder." Starring Gregory
Peck and Ava Gardner.
MAJESTIC: "Dunken Arrow."
Apaches and Americans learn
to settle their differences.
Starring James Stewart and
Debra Paget.

NIGHT SPOTS

CAFE DE CHINE: French Ac-
cordia, "Lad Harvet and
French TV Star Miss
Fitzgerald.



Firemen demonstrating a portable foam-making branch pipe at this morning's demonstration before His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Black.—China Mail Photo.

H.E. SEES SOME FAST ACTION AT FIRE BRIGADE

His Excellency Sir Robert Black witnessed some
fast action by more than 120 firemen in their
fire drill during his visit to Central Fire
Station this morning.

At the end of the drill dis-
play, Sir Robert commented:
"A very good exercise. All
very fast."
On arrival at the Fire Station
Sir Robert was greeted by Mr
W. J. Gorman, Chief Officer,
Fire Brigade.

Inspection

His Excellency then inspected
the parade of some 120 fire
officers and firemen in the
square accompanied by Mr
Gorman and Mr. W. T. Wong,
Acting Deputy Chief Officer.

During the inspection Sir
Robert showed particular in-
terest in the officers who were
wearing Salvars breathing ap-
paratus. Mr. Gorman explained
the uses of the apparatus.

Under the command of Mr
V. C. Seymour, Divisional
Officer, Hongkong, the drill
display began.

The first part involved the
rescue of two people from the
first floor of the Drill Tower by
the use of a jumping sheet, and
the rescue of two persons from
the third floor. This was done in
just a few minutes.

Second Drill

In the second drill the fire-
men used turntable ladder, life-
line and belt to rescue a per-
son from the fourth floor of
the Drill Tower.

In the third part of the drill
spectators, numbering more
than 200, saw No. 2 Emergency

Dan Matthews, the RSM, Leaves

Regimental Sergeant - Major
W.J. "Dan" Matthews, Hong-
kong Regiment, left for the
United Kingdom, via Europe,
in the Italian liner Victoria
this morning after having
completed his three-year tour
of duty here with the regiment.

Over 100 members of the
Hongkong Defence Force went
on board the liner to bid
farewell to RSM Matthews this
morning.

WO II A.W. Piper, extended
a farewell message to RSM
Matthews on behalf of the
Hongkong Regiment Sergeants'
Mess.

MAIL NOTICES

The latest times of posting
shown below are those for un-
registered correspondence posted
at C.P.O. Hongkong. The latest
posting times elsewhere which,
in general, are earlier than the
times shown here, are not stated
by enquiry at the local office.
The latest posting times for
registered mail are generally
one hour earlier than the times
shown below. Particular regard
must be given to the times
shown by enquiry at any post
office.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New
Zealand, 9 a.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Korea, 6 p.m.
Japan, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 29
By Air
Lao, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kun-
ming, 10 a.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., 12.30 a.m.
Thailand, 9 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New
Zealand, Ceylon, India, Middle East,
Africa, Great Britain & Europe,
2 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.

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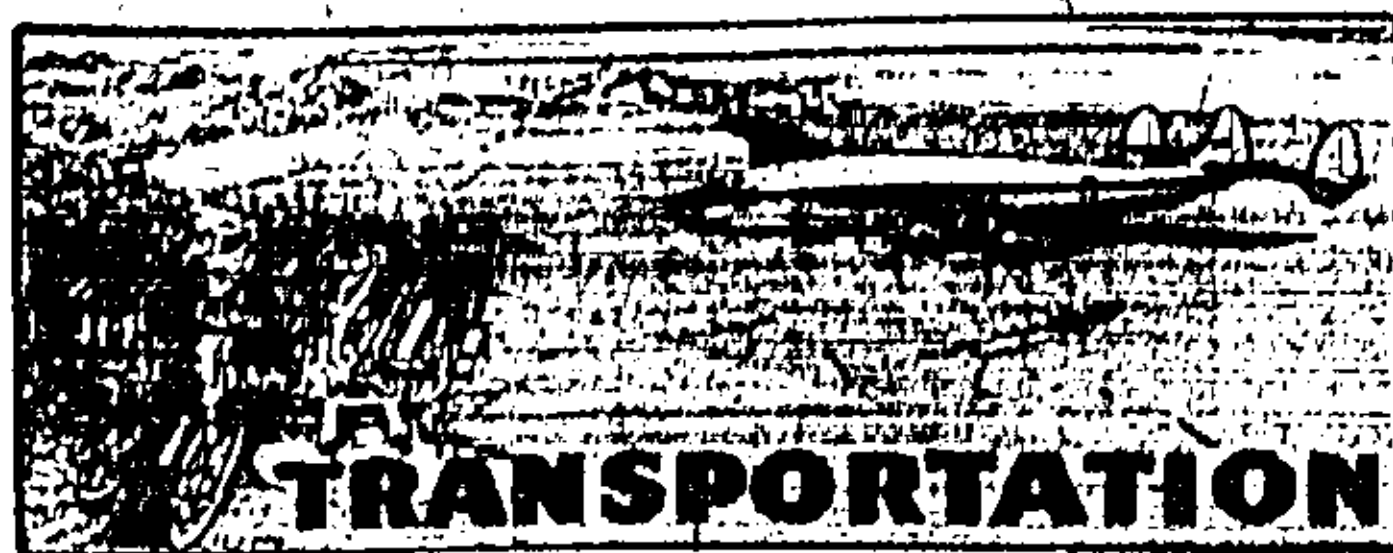
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FIRST MERSEY ALL DIESEL TUG

THE first all-diesel tug to operate on the Mersey has completed her trials, and her performance has, state the owners, North West Tugs Ltd., managed by Liverpool Screw Towing and Lightage Co. Ltd., completely confounded the critics who asserted that diesel tugs were unsuited to conditions on the Mersey.

The new tug *Heath Cocks*, was built by Cammell Laird and Co. (Shipbuilders and Engineers) Ltd., Birkenhead, and equipped throughout by Ruston-Procter.

Next month, she will be joined by a sister vessel, *West Cocks*, also built by Cammell Laird and having an identical Ruston diesel installation.

Heath Cocks has an overall length of 101 ft. This Ruston main propulsion engine is a 6-cylinder pressure-charged diesel developing 1,000 h.p. at the crankshaft coupling, when running at a speed of 375 r.p.m. It drives a single screw through a wheel drive oil - operated reverse - reduction gearbox, having a reduction ratio of 3.1.

REMOTE CONTROL

The propelling machinery is directly controlled from the bridge through Ruston-Chadburn mechanical remote control equipment.

Two Ruston 30 h.p. generating sets provide main auxiliary power for lighting, deck machinery, fans, heating and cooking, each set comprising a diesel engine developing 50 h.p. at 850 r.p.m. driven by a coupling on a combination base-plate to a Mawdsley generator.

A further auxiliary is a Ruston generator/compressor set comprising a diesel engine developing 10 h.p. at 1,000 r.p.m. direct coupled to a combination base-plate to a 10 kV 220 volt d.c. Mawdsley generator. A Hamworthy air compressor is driven through a hand-operated friction clutch at the free end of the generator.

Hydraulic deck machinery and steering gear by Vickers-Armstrongs (Engineers) Ltd., Walsley, is installed.

During her trials *Heath Cocks* attained a pull on the bollard of 18 tons.

Reinforced Plastics Cabin Cruiser

THE new "Danilla" class cabin cruiser recently manufactured by John I. Thornycroft and Co. Ltd., London, S.W.1, has been chosen as a special exhibit for the Brussels Exhibition. It will be shown on a specially constructed lake near the British Pavilion.

The hull of this craft is 28 ft. 6 ins. long and is manufactured with Collobard polyester resins and glass fibre using the hand lay-up technique. The hull is claimed to be exceptionally strong and durable, and will not rust or rot. It provides an excellent example of the trim lines obtainable with reinforced plastics.

The cabins and deck seating are upholstered throughout with "Liondore" leathercloth made with Geon PVC. This material is said to be hard wearing, was heat resistant and unaffected by salt water and oil. Grease stains or any other dirty marks can be removed easily.

The craft has comfortable seating, including reclining seats for four people and the layout can be rearranged to suit individual requirements. Optional items include the provision of twin engines and the installation of a steering shifter.

The collobard polyester resins are manufactured by British Resin Products Limited, Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

London-Melbourne Air Link Via Russia

Melbourne, May 27. CHIEF and faster London-Melbourne air link via Russia and China was forecast here by Mr. A. H. Wilson, Deputy Secretary of the British Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation.

Mr. Wilson, who is on a three-week visit to Australia and New Zealand for talks with officials, said Russia had not been approached but a route over Russia was obviously the next move.

He said such a route would cut thousands of miles off the present flying distance but the Russians would be very jealous of letting people fly across their enormous land mass until they were ready to operate world-wide networks themselves.

MOTOR-DRIVEN OIL TANKER LAUNCHED

A NEW motor-driven oil tanker, *Vestforn*, has been launched by Harland and Wolff Limited from their Belfast Shipyard. The 19,700 tons deadweight tanker is being built for Interessantskapet Vestforn (Signal Bergesen) of Stavanger, Norway.

Harland and Wolff Limited also have an order for this Norwegian group a large turbine-driven oil tanker of about 42,000 tons deadweight, and a motor-driven bulk carrier of about 17,700 tons deadweight, both to be built at Belfast, together with a further vessel to be built at their Govan Shipyard.

The *Vestforn*, a single screw motor-driven vessel, is about 500 ft long, and 71 ft 6 ins. moulded breadth.

MACHINERY

The propelling machinery and all accommodation are arranged at the after end, with a fore and aft gangway running the full length of the vessel between Poop and Forecastle Decks.

The hull is divided into 27 cargo oil-carrying compartments, with two main cargo pump rooms, forehold pump room, two cofferdams, a gas-tight cargo hold forward and under this space, a deep tank for oil fuel or water-ballast.

Oil fuel is also carried in deep tanks forward of the main room and in double bottom tanks under the motor room. The vessel has a raked stem, cruiser stern, a fore mast with crow's nest and a combined radar and signal mast at the aft end. The poop front has been ruled to give a streamlined appearance.

Boat-Builders-Switch To Trawler In Scotland

FOUR small Scottish shipyards in the north-east of Scotland have successfully invaded the trawler building market.

Among them they have orders either completed or on hand for eight trawlers and three great fish fishing vessels. It is estimated that the value of these orders are in the region of £700,000. These yards, which are established at Peterhead, Buckie and Sandhaven, near Fraserburgh, had no previous experience in trawler building but have generations of boat building craftsmanship behind them.

Their experts have mastered new techniques required for the building of trawlers. Between them, the three firms provide work for more than 300 men and they have much work in hand as it is estimated that Aberdeen will require at least 100 trawlers in the next ten years.

One development has taken place where the firm of J. & C. Forbes and Co. have been showing that a trawler can be built with timber at considerably less than the price of steel with no loss in flying performance. Following their first vessel, a second one has been ordered.

The trawlers have a double oak frame with larch and oak skin.

COLLAPSIBLE CRATES

THE British ship *Lynton* has sailed from Dagenham Dock, England, this week, and the firm of Samuel Williams & Sons Limited filed her holds with 710 cars of various makes including products of Austin, Ford, Nuffield, Rootes, Standard and Vauxhall, bound for the U.S.A.

A few months ago the vessel's maximum load would have been about 300 cars, the extra 410 were squeezed in by utilizing the new technique of packing them in collapsible and returnable crates. This method was devised by a British firm of packing specialists in consultation with British motor manufacturers.

The special crates used on the *Lynton* permit unpacked cars to be loaded in up to four tiers, instead of the normal single layer. Packing at the car factory is dispensed with and four men can pack a car into a crate at the ship's side in about ten minutes. On arrival at their destination the crates can be quickly unpacked, collapsed and re-loaded for return to Britain.

STERLING SITS COMFORTABLE

Bank Rate Cut Was Only A Technical Move

London, May 27.

Underlying fears remain that the American economy may become too weak and the German D-Mark too strong, but sterling sits comfortably in the middle and the yen, which has also become comfortable, may become even more so now that the Japanese elections are out of the way.

Gold shares had their most active sessions in several years, on very premature talk of a possible higher gold price (which would mean devaluation of the dollar) and on the much more real actuality of a plethora of money in the United States, which has to find outlets somewhere.

As the British railwaymen managed not to have the strike which they so obviously did not want, the Bank Rate got its technically overdue cut on Thursday, May 22.

Be Rogarded

A 5½ per cent Bank Rate in London can hardly be regarded as an extreme cut at a time when New York's is 1½ per cent and when the market rate for New York Treasury bills is below 0.75 per cent.

The London cut is propounded and accepted as merely a

technical adjustment to a more strategic and comfortable level in relation to world money markets and not as an anti-depression measure or "green light" for economic relaxation.

Since the cut to six per cent on March 20, there has been a reasonably good gilt-edged market and a very satisfactory foreign exchange market. The official disclosure that the exchange reserves continued to gain ground steadily during the past two months carries on the satisfactory showing beyond the last published figures of April 30.

This month (May), despite temporary wobbles from various strikes threats and other uncertainties, sterling has held well up towards its ceiling.

Official Word

The further official word is that while the cut in the Bank Rate was technically justifiable some time ago, it has again been felt wise to proceed slowly and cautiously.

The wording obviously embraces the moderate size of the Bank Rate cuts as well as their delayed timing. A 5½ per cent Bank Rate is still regarded as high.

Only a year ago the Governor of the Bank of England was describing it as a crisis rate, and at that time the New York and German bank rates were much higher than now.

Naturally, there is no word as to whether and when further cuts may be coming, but it is far from taken for granted that the seasonal factors in the autumn will put any such pressure on sterling as to require a higher Bank Rate.

In some recent years, notably 1953 and 1954, sterling was quite strong in the autumn. Suggestions that pressure on the pound will entail further reductions are regarded as extremely flimsy. It did so last August, but conditions then were entirely different.—China Mail Special.

Bank Of England Is Like A Good 'Wife' To The Govt

London, May 27.

The Bank of England, like a good wife, offered her advice freely to the Government and had been known to nag if the advice was not accepted, said the Governor, Mr. Cameron F. Cobbold, in a TV interview.

He was told by Robin Day on the I.T.N. "Tel. The People" programme, "I've heard it said that the Bank of England is roughly in the position of a wife who has promised to obey but manages to get her own hand."

Mr. Cobbold replied: "Far from that, the Bank of England is a very dutiful wife. We offer our advice very freely, as a good wife should, and on occasion, I think, we've been known to nag if our advice has not been accepted."

"But, more seriously, in the last resort, we argue things out. If we have a difference of view with the Government about monetary policy, we usually are able to reach agreement and in any case, in fact, extremely happily."

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$370,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Share	Buyers	Sellers
BANKS	100 707.50	15 4 705
INSURANCE	274	
TRADING	70 72	
WHOLESALE	603 6.15	1003 6.10
DOCKERS, ETC.		
IC. Wharf	104	100 4 41
Doek	40	100 4 41
Providence	1100 11.70	807 11.50
LAND, ETC.		
HK Hotel	19.30 19.60	300 19.20
		1000 19.30
		1000 19.40

Share	Buyers	Sellers
HK Land	323 33	
Humphreys	15 15.00	
Realty	1.55 1.60	
Amalg	123 1.40	
UTILITIES		
Train Ferry	25.10 25.30	200 25.10
Yau-mai	95.50	
C. Light	11.40 11.50	1000 11.40
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Macao E.	10.60	
Tel.	25.30 25.50	100 25.40
		100 25.40
INDUSTRIALS		
Cement	22.30	500 22.10
Chemical	10.50 10.70	150 10.60
Steel	10.50 10.70	300 10.50
INVESTMENTS		
Yankee	6.50	4000 6.40
Ayer Tawah	125	
Singapore	1.70	
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STRENGTH IN STEELS SHARES ENLIVENS WALL STREET

New York, May 27.

A flurry of strength in steel shares enlivened last-minute trading on the stock market today.

London Mart Demoralised By Crisis In France

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Little business was done on the stock exchange today which was demoralised by the news from France.

The continued uncertain British labour situation and nervousness over the course of Wall Street contributed.

Prices declined to ease in most sections although losses were small. The total turnover repeated Friday's low level of 7,832 bargains.

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The gilt-edged market held steady, recording small movements either way. Foreign bonds and rails were subdued.

In industrials there was hardly a movement of note. The leaders like Rolls Royce, Unilever and Imperial Chemicals all eased a few pence.

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